

# The McKownville Improvement Association

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ALBANY 3, NEW YORK

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Area Administrator  
U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service  
Leo O'Brien Federal Building  
North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Sirs:

As you are probably aware, last November the dam that created the impoundment known locally as Harrington's Pond (NYS-DEC-Water Index No. H-221-4-3-P-257) was breached and failed. The loss of the dam drained the impoundment which contained approximately 75% of the storage volume available as a water supply for the McKownville--Birchmont Water District (Guilderland Township, Albany County).

Having read the recently-published Policy and Requirements for your Water Resources Program, I believe that you may be able to provide some of the support activities and financial assistance that are sorely needed to restore this dam and Reservoir.

I would sincerely appreciate it if you could meet with me and members of our Board of Directors at your convenience to discuss this possibility.

Very truly yours,

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President

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